

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the Tuesday, October 2, 2007 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, S. Hoag, D. Stillinger, P. Payton, and O. Raadam and Steve Andelfinger, Facilities Solutions Group, lighting specialist.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2007 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Congratulations to new Environmental Commissioner Pat Collington who was appointed to the Commission by the Township Committee in August.

Minutes

Minutes from June 2, and August 7, 2007 meeting were approved as amended. L. Caprioglio motioned to accept and S. Carroll 2nd with all in favor.

Events

Fri. October 12, 8:30-4 PM, ANJEC 2007 Environmental Congress.

Sat. October 13. 9 am –noon, Electronics Recycling at the Chatham Township Public Works.

Special Project Energy inventory/audit by S. Carroll with special guest Steve Andelfinger, Facilities Solutions Group, lighting specialist. Mr. Carroll gave a very thorough report of the energy used at municipal sites located in the township. Committee to review individually and send comments to Mr. Carroll. A copy of the report was given to Mr. Ciccarone. D. Stillinger, K. Abbott, S. Carroll to send up subcommittee meeting to discuss energy audit. Steve Andelfinger presented issues on how to conserve energy and noted that the town hall needs to update their lighting fixtures, which are old, very inefficient and so outdated they can't be purchased anymore.

Application/LOI Review

1 Karlin Drive and 614 Fairmount Ave. Bl.17 Lot 82 and 81.11. Subdivision approved by Planning Board. Conservation easement granted. Commission will obtain a final site plan of application. Memo sent to Planning Board 7/07. S. Hoag motioned to accept the memo, P. Collington 2nd with all in favor. CLOSED

Rexcorp Construction and Development LLC Bl.142 Lot 1. Application to Planning Board for preliminary and final site approval. Memo from EC Commission to Planning Board dated 7-18-07. S. Hoag motioned to accept, P. Collington 2nd with all in favor. CLOSED

New – LOI - 23 Loantaka Lane South Bl.139 Lots 13, 14, 17, 18.03 & 18.04. Proposed development on 5 lots – wetlands and endangered species issues. EC to draft letter. Review at November meeting. OPEN

New – Oak Knoll School 9-11-07 – replacement of existing storm water pipe – drainage concerns, wetlands area. P. Collington attended public meeting. Twp. engineer and DEP agreed that repair needs to be made but will first better assess area because of drainage issues. CLOSED

55 Mountain Avenue Bl. 37 Lot 5.01 – Application to Planning Board to construct new home 50% larger than allowed. EC agrees application should not be approved in current form. Commission still reviewing. OPEN

25 Hampton Road Bl. 48.10 Lot 28 - Addition to house. No action by EC needed. CLOSED.

LOI - 130 Meyersville Rd Bl.12 Lot 11 – Subdivision, build one new house. Letter approved pending application completeness before sending letter. PENDING

Reports

Planning Board – L. Caprioglio – Unsure of how to enforce monuments of existing conservation easements. There are no site plan visits to confirm placement was done.

EC commented that conservation easement document should be recorded with county when granted. L. Caprioglio suggested that maybe the subcommittee should check sites initially.

Open Space – S. Hoag – Proposing boardwalk trail in Greenway. Working on bike path areas including Southern Blvd School and Chatham St. Two people responded to the Open Space Land Survey.

Anti-Idling Report – K. Abbott and P. Collington – Different locations in town and outside of town have joined in to educate, not enforce, the importance of this campaign.

Passaic Valley Groundwater Protection Committee – Meeting on August 29 attended by P. Collington, next meeting Oct. 4, and conference on Oct. 25. Ms. Collington suggested EC members try to attend. This committee is checking on ground water in the area. Chatham Borough is completely on well water, Chatham Township gets its water from the Passaic River downstream of at least a dozen sewage treatment plants.

Action Items

Letters sent in May and June 2007 to 15 owners of parcels with conservation easements notifying them that the EC consultant will be visiting their property.

Recycling at Colony Pool, schools and recreation events. Successful - more recycle bins and recycle pick up arrangements required.. K. Abbott, P. Collington

Conservation easement on-the-ground baseline data collection project progressing. Update as it develops. D. Stillinger

Mail Received (not including applications and event notices mentioned above)

Minutes from Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC.

Various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers

CTEC meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

Carolyn Scannelli
Minutes Secretary